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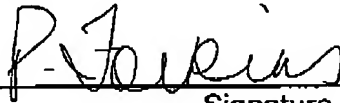
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

The present letter is filed in response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2008.  
Accordingly, the Response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4  
of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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